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FOR NEA/ARN DAVID KORN

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TAGS: OVIP , ROCKEFELLER, DAVID

SUBJ: VISIT OF MR ROCKEFELLER

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1. IT WAS GRATIFYING TO HEAR THAT IRAQI UN MISSION
"DELIGHTED" AT PROSPECT DAVID ROCKEFELLER VISIT. IF
INDEED THIS REPRESENTS GOI VIEW, I BELIEVE THERE IS GOOD
POSSIBILITY HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT HIGH LEVEL
DURING ONE DAY VISIT, POSSIBLY BY RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM
HUSSEIN.

2. IF MR ROCKEFELLER AGREEABLE, I SUGGEST WE ATTEMPT
TO USE VISIT TO PROMOTE U S-IRAQI UNDERSTANDING. I
RECOMMEND MR ROCKEFELLER BE BRIEFED ON FOLLOWING ITEMS
IN EVENT HE HAS OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL
IRAQIS.

3. NON-INVOLVEMENT OF USG IN KURDISH WAR.

4. LONGSTANDING USG INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH
IRAQ, EVEN IF ONLY TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES. I BELIEVE
GOOD APPROACH WOULD BE FOR MR ROCKEFELLER TO ASK IRAQIS
FOR THEIR IDEAS ABOUT HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE RATHER THAN
MAKING ANY U S PROPOSALS.

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5. STRONG INTEREST OF USG AND AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY
IN STRENGTHENING ALREADY IMPROVED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

6. ASSUME THAT GOI WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
VISIT, BUT USINT WILL BE ON STANDBY TO FILL ANY GAPS. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE ON GOI ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.
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